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Field yields harvest of bones

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Another set of human remains has been discovered strewn about a field in an area east of Edmonton that has become a dumping ground for dead bodies over the past few years.

Around 3:30 p.m. Monday, Strathcona County RCMP received yet another chilling phone call from a farmer who found a human skeleton while working in his fields.

"When he went by with his tractor and swather, he looked down on the ground and saw bones," said Cst. Wally Henry.

Little is known about the identity of the body, including the age, race, sex or how long it has been lying in the field.

Const. Henry said that the skeleton is not intact, and that a number of bones have been found scattered around the area, possibly from an animal eating parts of the body.

On May 16, 2006, the body of 37-year-old Bonnie Lynn Jack was discovered less than a kilometre south from the site of the latest found remains, on Range Road 225 near Township Road 542.

A young couple walking in a field made the shocking discovery, when they found the dead sex-trade

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Const. Wally Henry

worker's lifeless body in a wooded area.

On June 11, 2004, the body of 19-year-old sex-trade worker Rachel Quinney was discovered, only seven kilometres southeast from where Jack's body was found.

Recently convicted killer Thomas Svekla claimed he simply stumbled upon Quinney's mutilated body while smoking crack with another prostitute in the area. Svekla was recently acquitted of her murder due to lack of evidence, but was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for the brutal murder of 36-year-old Theresa Innes.

Const. Henry said that Project KARE, a unit dedicated to solving the murders and disappearances of those living a high-risk lifestyle, has been notified of the found remains, and is standing by, pending results from the Medical Examiner's office that might help identify



Josh Kurzitza, 5, boards the school bus yesterday afternoon during the third annual First Riders school bus educational day program which took place at the Northlands south lot.

Small passengers go for big ride

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ALL GROWN UP It's a pretty scary moment, getting on a school bus for the first time and watching mom and dad disappear in the rear window.

So Grade 1 and kindergarten kids got an early taste of life on the bus yesterday at Northlands

— minus the dead weight of the school backpack.

Bus drivers, helpers and security were all on hand to let kids know the basics of riding a school bus.

Edmonton Public Schools has 26,000 students riding the buses each day, about 16,000 on Edmonton Transit and another 10,000 on yellow school buses.

Most of the kids waiting

in the hot sun at various orientation stations set up already knew the code of show no fear.

"When are we going to get going?" asked Rebecca Alloway, who starts kindergarten next week at Patricia Heights school.

In fact, the lineups for the orientation were a fitting introduction to the 12 years to come for most of the waiting children.

Man dies after he taunts city cops

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ACCIDENT A man flew through the sunroof of his vehicle and died on the front lawn of a north-end home early yesterday morning, after fleeing from police and hitting a tree on a residential front lawn.

Around 1:30 a.m., officers tried to pull over a truck after the driver spun his tires in right in front of a police cruiser, creating a cloud of black smoke.

The driver pulled over in a parking lot off Victoria Trail and 139 Avenue, but then sped off. Police did not give chase.

"This happened so quickly. Given that the driver first indicated that he was first going to pull over, it probably came as a bit of a surprise that the vehicle sped away," said city police spokeswoman Karen Carlson.

About a minute later, officers discovered the mangled truck wrapped around a tree on a front lawn about five blocks south, at 23 Street and 139 Avenue.

The driver of the vehicle, a man in his mid-twenties from Smoky Lake with no criminal record, was thrown from the vehicle and pronounced dead in hospital. His passenger, a man in his 30s, was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Police believe speed and alcohol was a factor in the crash, and that the driver wasn't wearing a seatbelt.

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Autumn vote likely



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Bang your head slowly, the Edmonton International Film Festival and Century Casino present Anvil on Sept. 27. The band will play after a showing of their film, *The Story of Anvil*. Tickets for the movie and concert are \$24.95 at Ticketmaster. **METRO EDMONTON**

Local



BYOC to free outdoor movies

This Saturday and Sunday, Edmonton's downtown Sir Winston Churchill Square becomes a huge movie theatre. Saturday it's *Beauty and the Beast*, and Sunday another Disney classic, *101 Dalmatians*. Showtime is at sunset, about 9 p.m. and it's free! Before the show there's a DJ, games, prizes, displays and a kids' zone. Popcorn and other movie snacks are available from on-site concessions. But, although it's free, you need to BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair).

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Embarrassment of riches

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Alberta has more money than it knows what to do with, so says Finance Minister Iris Evans.

Alberta's first-quarter fiscal update has been released, and shows yet another record surplus, this time, \$8.5 billion dollars, attributed to higher than anticipated oil and gas prices.

Though much of the

money has been allocated, \$2.5 billion in energy revenues remain, which the finance minister has parked in savings until she decides how the cash will be divvied up.

"While it's in savings it's not going bad," Evans said from the Legislature yesterday. "Unallocated is an indication that we want to get another two or three months under our belt and a little clearer indication and a little more opportunity to talk



"I don't think anyone can remember a time when we've had such wild and wide energy prices."

Finance minister Iris Evans

to our caucus about these savings."

At the time the original budget was drafted, oil was sitting at a now-modest \$78 per barrel. In the past five months, that price has risen to over \$140 and settled at \$119

per barrel.

Energy revenues for the year were far underestimated and will break records surpassing \$18 billion.

"Our economic outlook continues to be bright. I don't think anyone can

remember a time when we've had such wild and wide energy prices."

Most of the extra money will be funnelled into projects that may begin to clean Alberta's oil-smear environmental slate. Carbon capture and storage projects will be backed with \$2 billion, as will forward-thinking greener public transit initiatives. Another \$1 billion will be allocated for infrastructure projects, leaving \$2.5 billion in lim-

bo.

Liberal finance critic, Laurie Blakeman said the Conservative government will rue the day it didn't prepare for the boom to go bust.

"If we're going to have a bonanza, and that's what this looks like to me," Blakeman said. "I think we need to be brave, I think we really need to be Mavericks, and I think we need to take the big step and save all of that money."

Committee searches for value in snow removal

WINTER Mayor Stephen Mandel wants a clearer picture of whether or not the increased snow removal budget for 2008 was money well spent.

A report to the city's Transportation and Public Works Committee outlines the budget for the Winter Roads Program for 2007 and 2008 and compares the two years.

In 2007, the approved operating budget for snow removal was \$39.3 million. In 2008 it was up \$19 million

"Did we get the bang for our buck ... Did we get the value?"

Stephen Mandel

to \$58.3 million.

The increase has a lot to do with the city's commitment to snow removal within 48 hours of a snowfall, which was met during five of the six major snowfalls last winter. It wasn't met for any of the five major snowfalls the previous winter, an improvement that has led to less complaint received by the city. "I don't question whether ... you spent the money," Mandel said. "But did we get the bang for our buck ... Did we get the value?"

While the mayor, and the rest of the committee, accepted the report from the transportation department, he recommended that the city auditor complete a cost-based audit on the city's snow removal policy and come back to an audit committee with the report.

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Mayor hopes to bring an end to escalating cost increases

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FORT ROAD The price tag for the city's Fort Road Redevelopment plan has soared since first estimates were approved back in 2003, and Mayor Stephen Mandel is looking for ways to deal with the continual requests for more cash.

"I don't know how you stop this," Mandel said during yesterday's Transportation and Public Works meeting at City Hall.

The Fort Road project involves two distinct components: the widening of Fort Road, and the area revitalization project.

The area redevelopment was originally to have cost \$3.95 million, with the transportation component coming in at \$15.95 million.

In November of 2005 council approved significant changes to the Fort Road plan and revised the estimated cost to over \$12 million for the redevelopment,



The historic Transit Hotel, a familiar landmark of the Fort Road area, sits north of the Yellowhead. The cost of an area revitalization project has soared since it was approved in 2004.

ment, then increased it by another \$5 million just two weeks later.

The reasons cited for the increase at the time were completion of the utilities engineering work and construction cost inflation.

That estimate remained until April of this year, when a further budget increase for the revitalization

project was approved for \$16.85 million, bringing the grand total for the project — including the transportation component — to \$65.69 million.

The mayor said he is frustrated when an original estimate proves to be significantly lower than the final cost of a project.

"It is embarrassing and it

speaks to the credibility of this administration and council," Mandel said.

In order to avoid future embarrassment, Mandel plans to meet with council's executive committee today to see if a policy can be put in place to stop the constant requests for more money after a budget and plan are approved.

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What's online today.

Watch reports on disgruntled Hillary Clinton supporters hoping to spoil Obama's party at the DNC convention and on Stephen Harper practically ensuring a fall election for Canadians. Also, a look at the Tories' \$100M plan to map the Arctic and Peter MacKay's announcement of more war funding in Afghanistan. **Play** online Jumble Jong!

Civic pride in clean up

At city hall today starting at 11 a.m. in a special ceremony, Edmonton Mayor Mandel and city council will thank Capital City Clean Up business and program volunteers for taking pride in their city by setting a clean example for the rest of Edmonton to follow.

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Convicted gang murderer awaiting sentence

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An 18-year-old convicted murderer will have to wait until the end of the week to hear whether he'll go right to a maximum secu-

rity prison or remain in youth jail to start his sentence, a judge ruled yesterday.

Dexter Ian Estacio, 18, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole

case continued

The case will continue in provincial court on Friday.

for seven years for stabbing Evan Grykuliak to death.

While Judge J.C. Koshman removed the ban

on publishing Estacio's name.

The judge had said he wanted to wait for a statement from Estacio's par-

ents before making his decision on the convicted murderer's fate.

On Nov. 19, 2006, Grykuliak was celebrating his 17th birthday at the LaPerle Community Hall when Estacio, a member of the Crazy Dragons street gang,

showed up uninvited with a group of friends.

A fight broke out and Grykuliak was stabbed several times.

Stacio admitted he killed the 17-year-old in order to strengthen his credibility on the street.

Syncrude seeks 120K in protest damages

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GREENPEACE Banner-waving environmental activists have had the wind ripped out of their sails, after not only landing in handcuffs after an unsuccessful tailings pond protest, but they now being sued by the petroleum giant they attempted to discredit.

On July 24, 11 Greenpeace protesters were arrested at Syncrude's Aurora mine north of Fort McMurray, where they put up two banners and attempted to block a pipe flowing into a toxic tailings pond that killed a flock of 500 ducks this spring.

"We were there to bring attention to it and action," said

Greenpeace spokesman Mike Hudema. "We wish that Syncrude was as diligent in cleaning up the environment as they are at persecuting the people that stand up for

it."

Each of the activists were detained and slapped with a \$287 fine for trespassing.

Syncrude is after \$20,000 in general damages and \$100,000 in punitive damages.

"We have sought an injunction to ensure that Greenpeace's activists can't again illegally trespass on our site in the future," said Syncrude spokesman Mark Kruger.

"We have sought an injunction to ensure that Greenpeace's activists can't again illegally trespass on our site in the future. There were significant risks they put themselves under, and we're just thankful that nobody was hurt."

Mark Kruger, Syncrude spokesman

because a team had to be dispatched to find the activists, to remove the banners, and determine whether any equipment had been tampered with or damaged.

Indoor rock climbing **Wet weather**



Vertically Inclined Rock Gym employee, Ben Miller, ascends the roof of the bouldering cave at the indoor rock climbing facility at 8523 Argyll Road, yesterday. Although the day started out wet and a good one for indoor activities, the afternoon was warmer with temperatures topping out at 19 C. The weather for the upcoming holiday weekend looks iffy though, with cooler temperatures forecast.

Investigation continues in listeria cases

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DEATHS Alberta health officials continue to investigate two deaths linked to the listeria bacterium while authorities in other provinces probe 29 other cases.

"It is important to note that Listeria monocytogenes is commonly found, and is not really a concern for most people," said Dr. Gerry Predy, acting Alberta chief medical officer of health.

"However, it can lead to serious complications in the elderly, newborns, pregnant women and those with weakened immune systems.

"Anyone in those groups who develops symptoms such as fever, headache or stiff neck and may have eaten any of the recalled products should contact their physician or health care provider."

Predy said it still has not been determined if either of the Alberta listeria-linked deaths were caused by tainted meat.

One of deaths was in southwest Alberta and the other in the Peace Region, centred, around Grande Prairie.

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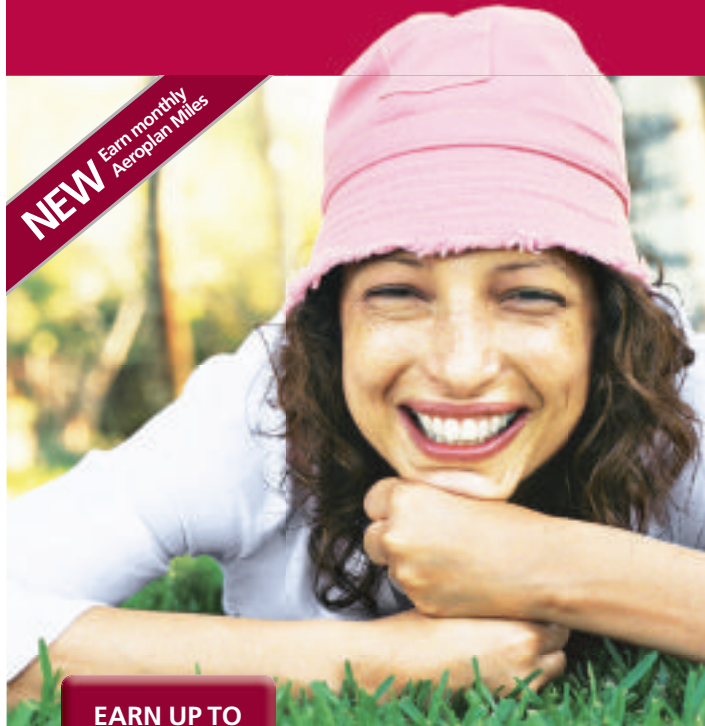
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Suspect arrested in Hobbema slayings

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A man wanted in connection with one of five brutal murders in the small Aboriginal community of Hobbema was arrested last night at a north Edmonton home.

"The Hobbema Gang Unit received a tip that Darrel Baptiste was at a residence in north Edmonton," said Cpl. Darrel Bruno. "Sure enough, they did a little surveillance, saw the accused and contacted the Edmonton Police Service to assist in arresting him."

Police surrounded the home in a quiet residential

area, and within a few hours made contact with the accused killer. He left the home of his own volition and was arrested without incident.



Baptiste

Baptiste is accused of murdering Dale Dechamps, whose lifeless body was found in an alley on the Samson Townsite on Aug. 2.

"This was a result of community members coming forward with pertinent information," Bruno said.

Last week, anonymous tipsters revealed information to police that sent

them on a search for the 19-year-old man.

Days earlier, Samson Cree Nation Chief Marvin Yellowbird announced that a \$10,000 bounty would be given to anyone who provided information that brought any of the five alleged killers to justice.

"The chief has indicated there is a sense of relief in regard to him being in custody," Bruno said.

He added the reward was not a motivating factor that prompted the community members to break the newly adopted fear-based code of silence, which has muted much conversation between the public and authorities.

Teen's death report offers no solutions

YOUTH A report on the death of a teen boy in provincial custody provides no recommendations on how such a death can be prevented in the future.

The 16-year-old appears to have become lost in Red Deer on Dec. 2, 2005, says a report by medical examiner Dr. Graeme Dowling.

Identified as "T.U." because of privacy laws, the boy had been to a party that night and had left after consuming marijuana and alcohol. He had arranged to meet his mother at a store, and when he didn't show, she went home. The mother didn't contact police because he had a history of similar behaviour. He was found dead in Great Chief Park the next day.

Though T.U. was a ward of the province, he was living with his mother.

"I do not find that there was any connection between the death and the nature or quality of care or supervision provided to the deceased," Dowling said in the report.

ROB MCCLAUGHLIN/METRO EDMONTON

Biker hangout Hot wheels



Edmonton's Peter Serediak pedals his bike past motorcycles parked at the Whyte Avenue Tim Hortons, a popular stop for motorcyclists. Edmontonians' hopes for warm days for the long weekend may be dashed as cooler temperatures are forecast.

84-year-old killed in trailer fire

BLAZE A man sleeping in a holiday trailer near Sylvan Lake died after it was engulfed in flames yesterday.

Sylvan Lake RCMP were called to a home near the village of Eckville around 5 a.m., and found the trailer ablaze. After fire crews put out the fire, an 84-year-old

man was found burned to death inside.

"There was another family member inside the trailer with him at the time, but unfortunately he was caught in the blaze and unable to get out," said Cpl. Malcolm Callihoo.

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Saskatchewan's minister of public safety has ordered an investigation into why 15 hours passed before authorities alerted the public about a prison break by six inmates. One of the inmates, who are all considered armed and dangerous, has been caught but the other five remain at large. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Transit upgrade back on track

Toronto's transit authority said yesterday it will recommend to its commissioners that it enter into a new bidding process with three major light rail manufacturers to replace the city's aging streetcar fleet after the initial process was scrapped last month. The Toronto Transit Commission said that it will propose starting discussions with Bombardier Inc, the Canadian arm of Siemens and Alstom for the \$1.25 billion contract. **REUTERS**

Tories forcing fall election?

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is sending his clearest signal yet that Canadians will be heading to the polls this fall, saying that "fundamental differences" with the opposition parties make it impossible for his government to tackle looming economic woes.

"The country must have a government that can function during a time of economic uncertainty. If it's not this Parliament, the public will have an opportunity to decide whom," Harper told a news conference yesterday.

A national campaign could kick off next week before three federal by-elections on Sept. 8, Harper suggested. In another signal that an election is approaching, Gover-

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Stephen Harper

nor General Michaëlle Jean yesterday cancelled a trip to China planned for Sept. 6. Officials suggested the call to election could come next week making the earliest date by law for an election called to be Oct. 14.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Taser Report postponed



Brian Black of Taser International demonstrates its use at a trade show for the Association of Chiefs of Police in Montreal yesterday. The Canadian Police Research Centre announced at the show that the release of a long-awaited report on the medical effects of stun gun use has been postponed until next year. **CHRISTINE MUSCH/REUTERS**

PM lays out Arctic plan

RESOURCES Canada plans to boost its spending on mapping Arctic energy and mineral resources, in order to encourage development and defend Canadian sovereignty in the far North.

The government will spend \$100 million over five years, building on a plan earlier this year to spend \$34 million over two years, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday.

"We know from a century of northern resource exploration that there is gas in the Beaufort (Sea), oil in the eastern Arctic, and gold in the Yukon. There are diamonds in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories, and countless other precious resources buried under the sea, ice and tundra," Harper said.

The mapping program will use aircraft with spe-



Stephen Harper

Arctic policy

Ottawa says its Arctic policy is growing in importance in light of increased activity in the region by Russia and other countries.

cial sensors to create subterranean models, which could then trigger, by government estimates, \$500 million in private sector resource exploration and development. **REUTERS**

LRT Service Interruptions

From Corona Station to Health Sciences Station
August 27 to September 1

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Maple Leaf hit with four lawsuits

LISTERIOSIS Four separate class-action lawsuits have been filed against the company that recalled ready-to-eat meats linked to the nationwide outbreak of a deadly bacterial infection.

The lawsuits, filed in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Quebec and British Columbia named Maple Leaf Foods, which was linked to the ongoing outbreak after some products at a Toronto plant tested positive for the listeria bacterium last week.

"Between the telephone calls to our various offices and the people who have

shares drop

Maple Leaf, whose shares fell 81 cents to close at \$7.99 on the Toronto Stock Exchange yesterday, did not comment on the lawsuits, and said it had no other updates related to the outbreak. Its shares are down 27 per cent since the outbreak was first reported on Aug. 17.

contacted us by way of the Internet, we've already heard from about 500 people," said Evatt Merchant, a partner in the Calgary office of the Regina-based class-action specialty law firm that filed all four suits.

There are now six deaths in Ontario that are being

blamed directly on the outbreak strain of Listeriosis monocytogenes while another six, including three in Toronto, are under investigation.

The death of a Victoria B.C. man is the only one outside Ontario linked to Listeriosis.

News in brief

COLD CASE Almost 11 years after a 16-year-old girl was found strangled to death in a Windsor, Ont., apartment with her unharmed baby near her, police have charged Geoffrey Michael Campbell with first-degree murder.

MONTREAL An Air France aircraft skidded off the runway at Montreal's Trudeau airport yesterday but there were no apparent injuries or serious damage. The incident was said to be minor and there was no fire. Canada's federal Transportation Safety Board will be asked to investigate the cause of the incident, airport officials said.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Soldier training by Blackwater?

SECURITY Canadian soldiers could get training from a U.S. company closely linked to Blackwater USA, a private security firm implicated in the killings of hundreds of Iraqi civilians, if the Department of National Defence has its way.

The military gave notice this week of its intention to award an \$850,000 contract for advanced counterinsurgency training to the Terrorism Research Center, a Virginia-based firm that specializes in terrorism training for military and law enforcement officials. The contract is for one year with the option for a two-year extension.

850

The number in hundreds of thousands that the Canadian military intends to pay the Terrorism Research Center for its security training services.

The counterinsurgency school, which boasts close links to the U.S. government, is listed as a branch of Total Intelligence Solutions, a company that is run by former director of CIA counterterrorism Cofer Black and Erik Prince, a former U.S. Navy Seal.

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Inventor sues Google, Verizon, others on voicemail

Emboldened by settlements with Apple Inc. and AT&T Inc., inventor Judah Klausner filed a voicemail patent lawsuit yesterday against Google Inc., Verizon Communications Inc. and others. **REUTERS**

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Benign cancers a warning

People who have had a normally non-fatal form of skin cancer have double the risk of developing other types of cancers, U.S. researchers said yesterday. They said the increased risk is especially pronounced in younger people.

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Clinton takes spotlight

Hillary Clinton offered a rousing plea for Democratic Party unity yesterday, promising to work for Barack Obama and challenging her supporters to bury their grudges and rally behind his White House bid.

"The time is now to unite as a single party with a single purpose," Clinton told a roaring crowd, adding she could not sit on the sidelines and watch Republican presidential candidate John McCain "squander the promise of our country."

Clinton's enthusiastic call for party unity was designed to end a rift that has clouded the convention to nominate the first-term Illinois senator to face McCain in the Nov. 4 election.



Hillary Clinton addresses the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado.

The second day of the convention focused on economic themes and began to lay out Obama's plans to aid lower- and middle-class voters suffering in a falter-

ing U.S. economy, which polls show is the top issue in the final months of President George W. Bush's term.

Obama, 47, had tried to

Plot to kill Obama?

U.S. authorities yesterday were investigating whether three men arrested in Colorado with guns and drugs planned to kill Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, but said they posed no real threat.

ease the lingering tension by giving Clinton and her husband, former president Bill Clinton, major roles at the convention. Bill Clinton will speak tonight.

The convention's first night focused on presenting a softer, more personal side of Obama.

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Russia says U.S. shipping arms to Georgia, U.S. denies

GEORGIA Russian President Dmitry Medvedev yesterday accused the United States of shipping arms to Georgia on U.S. naval vessels, but Washington denied the charge.

Medvedev made the charge in an interview on the BBC when he was asked if Russia was mounting a blockade of ships off Georgia's Black Sea port of Poti, where the American warship USS McFaul is due

to deliver humanitarian aid.

White House spokesman Tony Fratto, speaking in Texas, said the accusation was ridiculous.

President George W. Bush yesterday condemned Russia's decision to recognize the two breakaway regions of Georgia as independent, saying Moscow was ratcheting up tensions and complicating negotiations.

REUTERS

News in brief

INDIA Rising rivers in eastern India that swamped more land and homes yesterday have affected more than 2 million people since June.

troops would remain in Afghanistan following the deaths of 10 soldiers in a Taliban ambush last week.

AFGHANISTAN President Nicolas Sarkozy repeated his pledge yesterday that French

called Bonny has survived after being walled in beneath a bathtub since June. **REUTERS**

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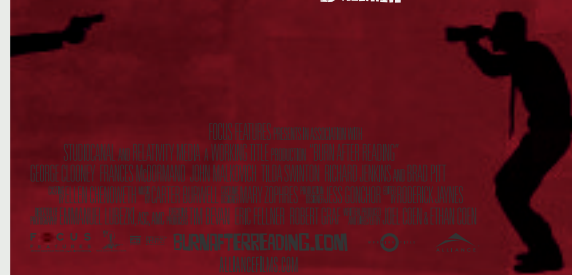
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Rebel group denies involvement in plane hijacking

A faction of the Sudan Liberation Movement denied the Darfur group had any role in hijacking a Sudanese passenger plane yesterday. **REUTERS**

Glitch grounds planes

Flights across U.S. held for nearly five hours

Major U.S. airports were operating normally Tuesday evening after a glitch in the computer system for filing flight plans delayed hundreds of flights, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

The Department of Homeland Security said there was no link to terrorism and the FAA said the computer glitch did not affect its ability to safely track planes in the air.

FAA spokeswoman Laura Brown said the problem was resolved around 6 p.m. EDT, about 4 1/2 hours after a communications link failed in the system that processes flight plans at a facility south of Atlanta.

The agency's best guess is that "hundreds" of flights across a wide swath of the United States from

Dallas and Chicago to the East Coast had been delayed by the computer breakdown, Brown said, adding that the FAA would not have an exact count until today.

"There were some airports that were affected more than others," she said. Airports in Boston, Chicago, Baltimore and Atlanta experienced the most delays as a result of the problem, she said.

The cause of the failure was not known but it was not due to a computer hacking attack, said Hank Krakowski, chief operations officer for the FAA's air traffic division. "It appears to be an internal software processing problem. We're going to have to do some forensics on it," he told reporters.

"We've had some equipment failures but not like this."

Diane Spitalire

The other flight-plan facility in Salt Lake City had to handle the entire country when the other system failed but the backup system quickly overloaded, so all the flight information for the affected flights such as destinations and names of passengers had to be re-entered manually, Brown said.

FAA spokeswoman Diane Spitalire said the agency had never experienced a computer problem this severe.

"We've had some equipment failures but not like this," she said. **REUTERS**

Ghana Farmers have elephant woes



Children dance in the village of Afiaso Saturday. Rising elephant numbers in a protected forest park in Ghana are angering the town's farmers, whose crops are being raided. **REUTERS/ALISTER DOYLE**

U.S., Russia still in nuclear talks with North Korea

WEAPONS The strained ties between Russia and the United States over Georgia have not affected their efforts to convince North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons program.

"It is not in Russia's interest to have a nuclear armed nation on its border, on the Korean peninsula," White House spokesman Tony Fratto told reporters.

"I'm not aware of any degradation of our cooperation with respect to the six-party talks," he said, referring to China, Russia, Japan and South Korea which are also involved in disarmament talks with Pyongyang along with the United States. **REUTERS**

Tapes aired illegally: Dissidents

CUBA A group of Cuban dissidents said Tuesday they filed a criminal complaint charging the government illegally broadcast their secretly taped conversations and movements, including of them accepting money from a U.S. diplomat.

They said the law permits the government to make the secret recordings but did not allow them to be made public.

The government in May

aired audio and video tapes which it said showed that Michael Parnly, former head of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana, had ferried money from an anti-Castro exile in Florida to high-profile dissident Martha Beatriz Roque.

Dissident Vladimiro Ro-ca said in a news conference that the Cuban attorney general had accepted the charges only as a civil complaint. **REUTERS**

News in brief

HAITI Hurricane Gustav was downgraded to a tropical storm Tuesday, with maximum sustained winds below 74 miles per hour, as it lost strength after making landfall over flood-prone Haiti.

INDIA Police beat Kashmiri

protesters who defied a curfew on Tuesday, and troops searched for separatist leaders as the biggest anti-India protests in two decades showed no sign of abating. Four protesters who broke curfew were killed on Monday. **REUTERS**

Cott lowers 2008 outlook, shares tumble

Soft drinks maker Cott Corp. shares plunged more than 15 per cent to \$2.17 a share, after it lowered its 2008 profit outlook yesterday to a range of between 28 per cent below and 5 per cent above last year's profit of \$36.3 million US. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Business

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Russia **Market's ripe for car buys**



A new Mazda Kazamai concept car is seen at the Moscow Auto Salon yesterday. Some of the world's biggest carmakers intend to boost sales in Russia this year, company officials said.

Scotiabank, BMO third-quarter profits shrink

TORONTO Bank of Nova Scotia and Bank of Montreal reported lower than expected profits yesterday.

Scotiabank posted a two per cent decline in net income but still managed to rack up more than \$1 billion in earnings.

BMO's profit tumbled 21 per cent to \$521 million as it cited weak U.S. real estate markets for sharply higher loan-loss provisions.

Scotiabank stock closed down 2.5 per cent at \$46.45, while BMO fell 0.3 per cent to \$43.94. **REUTERS**

Wireless outlook downgraded

Moody's has lowered its outlook for the cozy Canadian wireless sector, citing the threat of new rivals following Ottawa's recent wireless airwave auction.

The debt-rating agency lowered its rating to "stable" from "positive" yesterday as the Big Three wireless providers, Rogers Communications Inc., Bell Canada Inc. and Telus Corp., prepare to compete with national and regional challengers, in coming years.

Potential contenders include Globalive Communications Corp., Quebecor Inc., Data & Audio-Visual Enterprises Wireless Inc., MTS Communications Inc. and Shaw Communications Inc.

While the incumbents

"(Rogers, Bell and Telus) pursue profit-oriented growth strategies in a protected market," Moody's

have argued the Canadian wireless industry is competitive, Moody's said restrictions on foreign ownership of telecom companies has allowed the three "to pursue profit-oriented growth strategies in a protected market that is far less penetrated than the U.S."

Relaxed competition is evidenced by higher plan rates and a lower rate of penetration compared to the U.S. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Business in brief

BANK OF CANADA Deputy governor David Longworth said yesterday that Canada's economic growth will be weaker than expected in the second quarter, while inflationary pressures would fall with lower oil prices. He made no hints at interest rate changes.

BOLLYWOOD Indian media company Reliance ADA Group is expected to make a \$500 million US deal with Hollywood studio Dreamworks to leave current parent company Paramount Pictures, a boon for Bollywood moviemakers eager to enter Western markets. **REUTERS**

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New York Giants defensive end Michael Strahan will reportedly remain retired, turning down an offer to come back and play for the Super Bowl champions. According to a report on FoxSports.com yesterday, Strahan did not want to put his body through the rigors of a 15th NFL season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Sakic could reveal plans

Veteran centre Joe Sakic, left, might announce tomorrow whether or not he will be back on the ice for a 20th NHL season. According to the Denver Post, Sakic will speak at a news conference tomorrow before his charity golf tournament. However, the newspaper also claims that there is no guarantee that Sakic has come to a decision on his future. **Metro News Services**

Argos sharpening axe for Stubler

Toronto's coach could be ousted if team loses Labour Day classic to Tiger-Cats: Source

YorkReport



A Labour Day loss may result in a coaching change for the Toronto Argonauts, a club source tells me.

His information:

If the Argos lose in Hamilton Monday — and that's feasible since the Tiger-Cats defeated Toronto in two previous games this season — the teams would be tied with 3-6 records and **Rich Stubler** could be fired as head coach and possibly demoted to his former position of defensive co-ordinator.

Replacing Stubler would either be ex-head coach **Michael "Pinball" Clemons**, who's been resisting overtures from ownership because of his preference to focus on his family and his CEO responsibilities with the Argos, general manager **Adam Rita**, who has decades of CFL coaching experience, or assistant GM **Greg Mohns**, a former head coach of the B.C. Lions.

"We've unloaded players (backup quarterback **Michael Bishop**, who was traded to the Saskatchewan Roughriders, and safety **Orlando Steinauer**, who was released) and, if we can't beat Hamilton, we'll review our head-coaching situation," the Argos' source said. "It's possible Stubler isn't cut out to be a head coach. He might just be one of those guys who's able to be a great co-ordinator but doesn't have the skills to be a good head coach."



Broadcaster Cabral "Cabbie" Richards shows off the new state-of-the-art studio at The Score television network yesterday.

• Truth is, Stubler is demonstrating an irascible personality as a head coach and it's rubbed both players and management types the wrong way. I'm told Stubler and Mohns won't even talk to each other ... Looks like

Hamilton will start backup **Richie Williams** at QB Monday as **Casey Printers**, the CFL's highest-paid player, is still complaining about a sore thumb ... And, hey, why haven't I been receiving any emails from boasting Roughriders fans lately? Might it be that the team, losers of two consecutive games, is falling apart, just as I suspected it ultimately would? After a 6-0 start, the Riders find themselves only two points ahead of the Calgary Stampeders and Edmonton Eskimos.

• Major changes are happening at Canadian sports networks.

TSN will launch another channel, TSN2, this week while The Score will introduce a state-of-the-art studio

next week that'll include innovative bleachers and sliding glass windows to encourage fan participation. Maverick programming chief **Richard Garner** envisions fan involvement as a key element in The Score's future.

The outside of the network's Toronto building will offer passersby a massive screen that will display sports information and broadcasts.

The network also plans to throw a huge street bash, featuring luminaries such as ex-NHL star **Wendell Clark** and musicians **Kardinal Offishall** and The Trews.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Do you have psoriasis on your face?

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Ivanovic dodges first-round exit

TENNIS Ana Ivanovic needed every scrap of her youthful ebullience yesterday to narrowly avoid the humiliation of becoming the first top-seeded woman to lose in the opening round of the U.S. Open.

It took the 20-year-old Serbian just over two hours to make her standing as world No. 1 count against a valiant Vera Dushvina and she booked her place in round two with a 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 win.

Perhaps still troubled by a right thumb injury which ruled her out of the Olympics, Ivanovic randomly misfired her shots to notch up 40 unforced errors.

Realizing how close she had come to establishing an unwanted record, Ivanovic said: "I really hope I can stick around for some time."



Ana Ivanovic of Serbia narrowly avoided an opening-round loss to Vera Dushvina of Russia yesterday at the U.S. Open.

Four-time champion Roger Federer launched his U.S. Open title defence with a 6-3, 6-0, 6-3 win over Argentine Maximo Gonzalez. Slovakian 11th seed Daniela Hantuchova, however, fell by the wayside

when she was flattened 6-4, 6-2 by qualifier Anna-Lena Groenefeld. Tommy Haas completed a good day for the Germans when he ousted men's 12th seed Richard Gasquet 6-7, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2. **REUTERS**

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Sports in brief

MLB Vernon Wells homered and drove in three runs to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 6-2 win over the Tampa Bay Rays last night in Florida.

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Adding feng shui elements can bring the balance home

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Wood, fire, earth, metal and water.

No, they're not the new superhero team members ready to make their big-screen debut in a summer blockbuster, but instead they are key elements that create a feng shui balance.

At first glance many Westerners dub feng shui a superstitious practice — this writer included — but a deeper look into a philosophy that has been practiced for thousands of years, and still continues

to make believers out of the worst of cynics, deserves a chance.

So I decided to catch up with Calgary's own feng shui practitioner Carl Klimuk to get to the bottom of this "feng shui" business.

The philosophy behind it, he explains, is your external environment is a direct reflection of your internal environment.

"We are subconsciously attracted to our environment," Klimuk says. That is, your home is the single most important reflection of yourself. But like every soul-searching journey,

where do you start?

First is to understand the concept of feng shui. While there are two basic schools of practice, each centres around the same set of principles.

The Bagua, or matrix of which a space is laid, is shaped by rules that govern nature. How the natural elements—wood, fire, earth, metal and water—interact forms the flow of energy in your home or space.

The Bagua

The Bagua can be interpreted a few different ways, but the bottom line

is to keep the elements balanced. This, in turn, allows a good flow of energy, which will lead to a more balanced life.

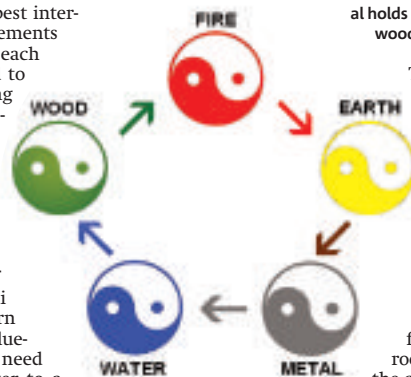
Once the Bagua is laid out it is in your best interest to keep the elements associated with each zone present and to "cure," (meaning disrupt) any unwanted elements within the space.

Cut the clutter

Both Klimuk and MaryAnn Russell, author of *The Feng Shui Factor*, Modern Homes Ancient Blueprint stress the need for keeping clutter to a minimum, as energy cannot flow well in a crowded space. "I have never been in an overly cluttered environment where the person's health was optimum," writes Russell. Opening up a space allows

for circulation of energy and new opportunities. Once that's out of the way, literally, your next step is lighting.

The Creative cycle of feng shui: Wood burns to create fire, which burns to create ashes and becomes the Earth. Earth over a long period of time condenses to form Metal. Metal holds Water, which feeds wood.



Fix leaks

However, Russell cautions against having too many glass doors, large windows and skylights.

True, glass lets sunlight in, but at the same time it can leak energy out as well. Maintaining a balance is key. More obvious leaks include faulty plumbing fixtures and windows that don't shut properly. In fact, even bathrooms leak energy by the constant act of flushing. Of course no home is really complete without one, so there are few ways to cure the leak. If you have the chance to design a bathroom, have the toilet enclosed and separate from

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In feng shui it's all about energy

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the rest of the room. "I realize most bathrooms are not designed with feng shui in mind so it is good practice to close the toilet lid and keep the bathroom door closed when it is practical," writes Russell.

Have some heart

The next obvious room to address is the heart of the home. With all five elements present in the kitchen the lines are blurred between which elements should flourish and which should be minimized. "When the sink and the stove are aligned directly opposite one another the water is in conflict with the fire element and may result in agitation and arguments," writes Russell. To avoid this, offset the two to displace the controlling water element. However, placing a live plant next to the sink or on the island between the sink and the stove can make for a more harmonious kitchen when the layout cannot be changed.

Getting in command

The layout of the bedroom can be changed and should be, though to follow the rules of the commanding position. In feng shui, the commanding position is located such that the bed for a bedroom or the desk for an office will

never place your back to the door. This is to provide you an optimal view and command of the space ahead of you while maintaining support, protection and stability in the back. "Ideally, there should be a solid wall behind your headboard or in the case of an office, the chair where you sit," writes Russell. If this just can't be achieved, do not fret, as mirrors can always come into play.

Time to reflect

Using a mirror to provide a rear view of the door will still be beneficial. But that's not all mirrors can be used for as Russell's book proves they can be used as tools to push or deflect energy, draw it in, enliven a space or to cool down the fire element. Placement of such mirrors is essential, for instance avoid having a mirror in the front entrance hall facing the front door.

This essentially pushes energy back out the front door.

Since we're back to the front door, or the beginning, it seems a good place to leave you folks to figure out how to make your home feng shui-friendly. But not empty-handed of course; you'll be armed with these simple, yet possibly life changing, rules.

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Welcome mat of curb appeal

In today's challenging real estate market, homeowners are realizing how important that first look is when a prospective buyer visits their home.

That's why landscaping and driveways have become as important a feature as a new kitchen. Driveways and front walkways are the first things a prospective buyer sees.

An impressive driveway usually indicates how well a home is maintained. Driveways that use pavers provide a low maintenance surface that also provides a friendly "welcome mat" to neighbours and visitors. An increasingly popular driveway design choice is also a practical one: Concrete pavers.

Real estate experts say it's easy to recoup the cost of a driveway upgrade. In fact, your return on investment may be higher when you sell the house. Pavers are available in a variety of colours, shapes and laying patterns that can match any architectural style-

from colonial to Mediterranean to modern.

Further good news is that patios — as outdoor living spaces — are an inexpensive room addition that increases the value of a home.

A well-designed patio of interlocking concrete pavements not only provides extra entertaining space, it enhances the character of your home. Pavers can be snowplowed. Some projects use heated walks and driveways to eliminate snowplowing, as the pipes placed under pavers circulate hot water to warm the pavers and melt snow.

In warm seasons, using lighter-coloured pavers results in a cooler surface for bare feet on patios and pool decks.

Homeowners often use lighting right in the surface of a driveway or walkway, with paver-shaped fixtures that fit into the paving pattern to guide users and create a warm mood.

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BMW style on budget

Affordable Coupe can make dreams real for car lovers

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The tidy little 1 Series Coupe leads the way in BMW's return to a smaller, lighter, more affordable car, slotting nicely below the increasingly larger, heavier and more expensive 3 Series models that currently earn the German automaker's bread and butter.

Though a range of engine options are available in other markets, we're only getting a pair of 1 Series models: The 128i with a 230-horsepower, 3.0-litre, in-line six under its hood, and the 135i, which has a superb 300-hp, twin-turbo version of the same 3.0-litre unit.

In its coupe body style, the 1 Series starts at \$33,900 for the base 128i while the twin-turbo 135i carries a proportionately higher \$41,700 sticker price to reflect its added performance and equipment levels.

There are also a couple convertible versions, too: The 128i Cabriolet carries a sticker price of \$39,900 for your top-down driving pleasure while its range-topping 135i counterpart is priced at \$47,200.

The crisp, clean lines and compact shape of the Coupe are quite attractive to the eye with its long hood, trapezoidal greenhouse, clearly defined shoulder line and long wheelbase.



The crisp, clean lines and compact shape of the Coupe are quite attractive to the eye. Inside, the perfectly-sized steering wheel, short gear lever, circular instruments and high-quality materials are all as eye-catching as they are functional.



It looks fast even while standing still.

Inside, the perfectly-sized steering wheel, short gear lever, circular instruments and high-quality materials are all as eye-catching as they are functional.

Depending on the option package(s) you choose, tech toys abound, including optional Bluetooth phone integration, navigation, and iDrive. Oddly,

though — despite an included auxiliary input jack — the lack of cubbyholes in the centre console might mean your iPod Touch has to sit in one of the cupholders.

Talking about how the crisp-looking coupe drives is a matter of mixed messages. On the plus side it does handle very nicely indeed. The engine in the 135i snarls musically with ... ah, shall we say, eager

2008 BMW 1 Series Coupe

Type: Compact 2-pass. coupe, RWD
Price: \$33,900 – \$41,700
Engine: 3.0L I6 DOHC/3.0L I6 DOHC twin-turbo
HP: 230 @ 6,500 rpm/300 @ 5,800 rpm
Torque: 200 @ 2,750 rpm/300 @ 1,400 rpm

Highlights

- The BMW experience on a budget
- 135i is a poor man's M3
- Great engines
- Muscular looks
- Handling

throttle applications.

On the down side was ride quality, perhaps a little too stiff for "normal" everyday driving needs.

Despite such minor quibbles, the 1 Series Coupe is surely something to salivate over.

Drive putting fuel cell tech to the test

As environmental awareness increases, so does the need for better fuel alternatives. One of those energy sources is getting a lot of buzz — and moving from laboratory testing to the road.

Hydrogen fuel cells are electric energy sources that have the potential to power everything from cellphones to large buildings.

For cars, they provide zero-emission power and don't use any oil.

And although actual hydrogen fuel vehicles are a few years down the road,

most major auto manufacturers have already started hydrogen programs.

A new campaign, called "Project Driveway," is putting fuel cell technology to practice in the largest market test ever. As part of the project, Chevrolet is loaning 100 Equinox Fuel Cell electric vehicles to select families across the U.S.

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In its milder LS and LT guise, the Chevrolet HHR is pleasant to drive, with a good balance between ride and handling. Inside, there's a feeling of roominess.

Practicality rules

Chevy HHR SS usable ride for everyday people

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Beneath its retro appearance, the HHR is simply a nicely executed station wagon. Think of it as a Chevrolet Cobalt wagon in drag, as it's based on

the same solid architecture as the popular Chevy coupe/sedan.

Thanks to its retro shape, the interior is roomy and comfortable, the rear seatbacks fold fully flat and the cargo deck is hard-surfaced ... all of which makes the HHR a usable ride for everyday people and cargo hauling chores. In that respect, the well-equipped base LS and LT models — at \$19,855 and \$21,185, respectively — represent nicely packaged value.

Both trim levels include standard features such as air conditioning, power windows, door locks and mirrors, cruise control, remote keyless entry, electronic stability control, ABS and traction control.

In its milder LS and LT guise, the HHR is pleasant to drive, with a good balance between ride and handling. The base engine is a fuel-efficient 155-hp, 2.2-litre "four" while there's a 172-hp, 2.4-litre four-cylinder optional choice (standard on the step-up LT 1SC trim). Transmission choices are standard five-speed manual or optional four-speed automatic.

By the way, new for '09, those engines are Flex Fuel capable, meaning they can run on E85 ethanol, gasoline or any combination of the two fuels. Also, the 2.2-litre engine receives variable valve timing technology that optimizes performance and efficiency.

The \$28,240 HHR SS, first seen in the 2008 model year, adds turbocharged zest with a 260-hp output from its 2.0-litre four. To help handle this extra performance the SS rides on a racetrack-tuned suspension system, giving it a modern athleticism that contrasts sharply with the retro styling.

Even so, you won't sacrifice anything in ride com-

2009 Chevrolet HHR SS

Type: Compact 5-pass. wagon
FWD
Price: \$28,240
Engine: 2.0L L4 DOHC Turbo
HP: 260 @ 5,300 rpm
Torque: 260 @ 2,000 rpm

Highlights

- Funky retro look
- Standard safety and stability control system
- Interior room
- Cargo flexibility

fort for such driving entertainment. Body motions are tautly controlled. The steering has a pleasing blend of precision, feel, response and effort.

Inside, there's a feeling of roominess, with the high roofline providing plenty of headroom. Quality is also conveyed in the well-bolstered sport seats, which provide firm support yet plenty of comfort for long drives.

The short-throw manual shifter, which sits higher and farther forward, has a nice precise feel. A smaller-diameter steering wheel — sporting an SS logo plus radio and other control features — complements the precise steering action.

There's also a turbo boost gauge mounted on the windshield pillar, 225 km/h speedometer, driver information centre located in the gauge cluster, SS-specific satin nickel cabin trim accents and contrasting interior colours that contribute to the SS's sporty look.

In its SS form, the HHR is a splendid compromise. It's fast and agile enough to gratify your inner Andreotti, yet its relatively serene highway stride and quiet composure over rough pavement should keep passengers happy.

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Farmer hits record books

Steve Burgess, a farmer from West Yorkshire, England, has put himself and his Land Rover Defender into the record books by becoming the first person in history to successfully cross the Bering Straits in a road vehicle.

Earlier this year, the 52-year-old Burgess, travelled 16,700 kilometres in 50 days to the Easternmost tip of Russia in temperatures as low as -46 C.

Then, in a masterstroke that differs from others who tried the voyage before, instead of trying to cross the Straits while they were covered with ice, he simply waited for it to melt in the summer.

Once that happened, he strapped two huge floats on the sides of his Defender, added a motor and propeller on the back and sailed across the 90-kilometre stretch of water.



New technology, such as the Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive system from Subaru, gives the advantages of a four-wheel drive without having to pick up an SUV's fuel bill.

Think beyond SUVs

If you love the safety and driving confidence of an SUV, but cringe at the cost of filling the tank, we've got good news for you.

It's possible to get the advantages of a four-wheel-drive system — especially great traction in a wide variety of weather and road conditions — in all-wheel-drive vehicles that combine the 4WD performance of a truck with the fuel economy, performance and handling, and easy-to-park dimensions of a car.

There are many reasons it takes a lot of gas to run a traditional SUV: Most are built on truck platforms, so they're large and heavy; it takes a big engine to move all that weight around; and, because less aerodynamic than most cars, SUVs have to work harder to overcome air resistance.

Fortunately, there are alternatives, such as the

Tips to reduce gas consumption

- Maintain your vehicle: It will run smoother and waste less energy.
- Slow down: You use 20 per cent more fuel going 120 km/h compared to 100 km/h.
- Check tire pressure: The wrong pressure can increase

gas use up to 3 per cent.

- Don't idle: If you're going to sit for more than 30 seconds, turn the engine off.
- Plan trips: Do more than one errand at a time; pick routes with fewer stoplights and less traffic.

Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive system from Subaru. This is a full-time system that combines a powerful aluminum boxer engine, a strong but lightweight transmission and centre differential, and an aerodynamic alloy body frame that's designed for maximum occupant protection. The result is a great combination of strength for safety and rigidity for handling and durability.

Just as important, this Symmetrical AWD system is designed to be extremely

compact and well balanced, with a low centre of gravity. That means a very low risk of rollover — and makes room for a long-travel suspension that keeps the ride comfortable even on life's bumpiest roads. And fuel economy is competitive with North America's most popular compact and mid-size family cars.

So, if you want great traction and handling and great fuel economy, an All-Wheel Drive vehicle is an excellent choice.

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Ford kickstarts Fiesta production

Ford has begun production of its all-new Fiesta model, the first in a portfolio of global small cars, at the Cologne Stamping and Assembly plant in Germany.

The next-generation Ford Fiesta, destined for the North American market in 2010, was developed by the European arm of the automaker's global product development team to meet the demands and expectations of customers around the world.

The Cologne plant is the first Ford assembly facility in the world to build the new global car.

In North America, the new subcompact will be of-



Ford Fiesta being built at the firm's Cologne plant.

ferred in two models: A hatchback and a two-door sedan.

They will be built at the company's Cuautitlan Assembly Plant in Mexico in 2010.

Retooling the plant from its current production of F-Series trucks to small car production will begin in December.

Toyota improves '09 Sienna

MORE OPTIONS Toyota has made its Sienna better for the 2009 model year and given it more appeal by lowering the suggested retail price on all models.

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With as many as seven models and a variety of trim levels to suit every taste and budget, the Sienna may be the ideal choice for Canadians in need of great family transportation.

The company has lowered the introductory pricing for the '09 version by as much as \$1,500 versus the comparable 2008 model.



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Transylvanian farm life reflects a simpler time

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A visit to the tiny Romanian town of Türe (or Turea) is like travelling back in time.

Horse-drawn carriages packed full with freshly cut hay trot along bumpy dirt roads. Craggy old people with craggy old faces make picture-perfect postcards of a simpler time. Grandmothers milk cows, churn butter, have wells in their backyards and know their way around a plow.

If it weren't for the satellite dishes growing out of houses like mushrooms on cow patties, you might think you'd been transported back to the early 1900s. A surprising number of people here lack running water and indoor plumbing but, with the wonders of modern technology, they can tune into stations like MTV.

Having just come from cosmopolitan Bucharest — where Ferrari-lined streets, fashionable coffee houses and could-be-supermodels are common — this was the "simple life." I found myself in this Transylvanian village as part of a two-day home-stay run by Carpathian Tours. Australian-owned, this company offers cultural vacations through the Hungarian, Slovakian and Romanian countryside. It's a chance to learn about the music, dance and social practices of the area — all with the help of a translator and knowledgeable guide.

Accommodations may be humble (my room had no door and the bathroom looked more like a tool



A traditional Hungarian "good room" is used to entertain guests.

shed) but, by staying with the local people, I'm able to get an insider's view.

My crash course in traditional Transylvanian culture starts with breakfast. Here in Türe, early morning risers enjoy buffalo cheese, thick slices of white bread, pork sausage and a shot of Pálinka.

This local brandy brew gets the day started off right and is sipped on with each meal. It's considered rude if you turn down the offering, so I reach for the shot glass and started boozing. It goes down my throat in one gulp, burning my insides with the pang of cheap Tequila.

Pleasing my host, the guide and I (admittedly, a bit tipsy) venture into town. Shepherds guide buffalo into the village so they can be milked by their owners. They make their way down a mist-covered hill, mooing and jangling their cowbell necklaces. Though I'm excited by the prospect of milking one myself, I find out the buffalos are skittish and don't let strangers

ogle their udders.

From there, we visit a traditional "good room." It's an elaborately decorated living room used for entertaining guests and matching prospective boy suitors with unmarried girls. The room is stacked with embroidered blankets, tablecloths and doilies, all hand spun from wool, cotton or hemp.

Cabinets are hand-painted, stenciled in red, white and green (a symbol of the Hungarian flag) with recurring motifs of roses, tulips and green branches. Though it's impressive, this crafty form of home-making has been abandoned by the new generation.

In the time of Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu (leader from 1965-1989), expression of Hungarian culture and music was forbidden. As a result, much of local culture was lost.

My two-day tour of Transylvania had me tossing hay with a pitchfork, step-dancing to live village music and picnicking with Pálinka under a full moon.

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Entertainment

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Few laughs in Hamlet 2

Hamlet 2

Director: Andrew Fleming
Stars: Steve Coogan, Catherine Keener, Skylar Astin
Classification: 14A
Rating: Ⓢ

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REVIEW When seriously unfunny movies like *Hamlet 2* get erected around seriously funny actors like Steve Coogan, it's reasonable to ask what went wrong.

In this case, it's that Coogan has been robbed of his prime comic weapon — his bone-dry British impishness. Cast as an antic Arizona high school drama teacher attempting to save his credibility and his job by mounting an un-

Steve Coogan and Amy Poehler in a scene from *Hamlet 2*.

precedentedly offensive original play — that'd be "Hamlet 2," with a plot involving a time machine and chirpy songs about rape and Jesus Christ's "hot swimmer's body" — Coogan trades his usual shiv-sharp subtlety for blustery, Christopher

Guest style caricature. The results aren't pretty.

Perhaps attempting to atone for the retro-blandness of Nancy Drew, co-writer/director Andrew Fleming stabs wildly at taboos: Coogan's young charges trade racist barbs in-between rehearsals;

characters drop acid and reference crystal meth addiction; a key player takes a tentative step out of the closet; child molestation is deployed as a punchline. It's all admirably anti-PC, but that's all it is — there's no real satirical thrust here, just a lot of weak jabs at easy targets (newsflash: The American religious right are a bunch of humourless hysterics!) and sub-Waiting For Guffman gags about the massive gulf between Coogan's ambition and his talent.

There's not a lot to laugh at here, and the fact that the filmmakers seem so smugly proud of their supposed transgressions doesn't help. In fact, they like their piddling attempt at a live-action episode of *South Park* so much that I don't have to.

Sleuth shows lead Gemini nominations

Period detective series Murdoch Mysteries and Durham County, a dark drama following a troubled suburban police detective, are among the leading contenders for this year's Gemini Awards, Canada's top television honours, CBC.ca reports.

Murdoch Mysteries scored a leading 14 nominations, followed closely by 13 for Durham County and 12 nods each for sexy Henry VIII series *The Tudors* and the miniseries adaptation of Guy Vanderhaeghe's *The Englishman's Boy*.

Among news and information programming, veteran investigative program *The Fifth Estate* and *CBC News: The National* received multiple nominations (11 and nine, respectively).

Actor Hugh Dillon is up for a Gemini for *Durham County*.

After holding its annual celebrations in Regina and Vancouver, the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television has decided to bring the awards back to Toronto.

For a full list of nominees, go to geminiawards.ca.

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CTV renews hit series Flashpoint

TV This show isn't just a flash in the pan: CTV has ordered a second season of its hit original series *Flashpoint*, Susanne Boyce, President, Creative, Content and Channels, CTV Inc., has announced.

Thirteen new episodes are expected to head into production in early 2009.

Flashpoint has been a hit since it premiered last month, and has maintained an average audience of 1.17 million viewers since it debuted at No.1 in Canada and the United States on CTV and CBS, CTV reports.

Flashpoint airs Thursdays at 10 p.m.

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critics'corner

Supernanny

Jo Frost arrives to help the Shrage family in a small Southern town. The parents' marriage is in quite a state, considering they have not shared a bed in eight years. The three girls are so out of control that their own grandmother, who lives with them, refuses to dine with them. Though the girls present a lovely front to the outside world, at home they run rampant, and it's up to Supernanny to restore order. 10 PM on KXLY EDACCESS

**Mad Men**

Like now, U.S. politics is in the spotlight. But instead of McCain and Obama, it's Nixon and Kennedy. The election is important, and the Sterling Cooper staff stays up all night watching the votes come in. Also, Pete (Vincent Kartheiser) lets his ambition go to his head and gets in Don's (Jon Hamm) face. 7 PM on BRAVO

Celebrity Buzz

Hef's door open for Anderson

FRIENDSHIP Playboy king Hugh Hefner has offered Pamela Anderson the use of his mansion if she ever finds herself homeless, imdb.com reports.

The Baywatch star has appeared on numerous Playboy covers, and the 41-year-old knows she can rely on Hefner to put her up if she ever finds herself with nowhere to stay.

"(I asked Hefner) If ever anything goes

wrong, I can come and live here, can't I?" she says.

Hefner replied: "Yes, of course. You are always welcome at my place."

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Mendes OKs nip/tuck

COSMETIC SURGERY Actress Eva Mendes will have no hesitation about going under the knife, when her figure starts to sag, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Mendes is currently baring almost all in a series of Calvin Klein billboard advertisements, and has previously posed topless for Vogue magazine.

But the 34-year-old acknowledges her looks will only last so long, and she is ready to



check in for some cosmetic surgery when she needs to.

"When the time comes, I'm going to nip it and tuck it all," Mendes tells Star magazine.

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Keira hates paparazzi

FAME Keira Knightley hates being pursued by the paparazzi — because it ruins her social life, imdb.com reports.

The Atonement actress is well-known for her distaste of snappers who try and secure photos of her personal life.

And the star has admitted her pals fail to invite her to social events in case they are harassed by eager photographers.

"One of them (friends) asked me if I would



mind not going out with them to a restaurant one evening as they find the whole paparazzi thing alarming," she tells Britain's Tatler magazine. "I don't blame them. It can be very intimidating."

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Coldplay make clothes?

FASHION Coldplay have revealed they love to make their own clothes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Front man Chris Martin has told how the band like to sew and modify their own clothes together. Martin, 31, says the band's needlework habits help them bond.

"Making clothes together in our studio makes us feel complete," he

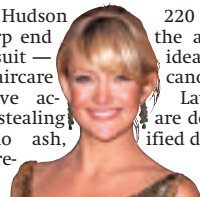
says. "We probably sound like a group of grannies in a knitting circle but it's the truth and it gives us some control over our visual identity. When you are a big band and everyone is taking shots at you, the more things you can do together the better. And if you're wearing uniforms made by your own hands it helps achieve that."

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celebrity brief

Hudson accused in hairy lawsuit

LAWSUIT Kate Hudson is at the sharp end of a new lawsuit — bosses of a haircare company have accused her of stealing their volcano ash, imdb.com reports.



220 Labs bosses claim the actress stole their idea for a secret volcano ash hair product. Lawyers for 220 Labs are demanding unspecified damages.

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Radcliffe pans prudish fans

NUDITY Daniel Radcliffe has slammed prudish fans who refuse to see his naked scenes in theatre show Equus — because he is sick of people branding the production "pornography," imdb.com reports.

The teen actor was required to disrobe on stage when he starred in the dramatic play Equus in London's West End last year — a role he'll soon reprise on Broadway.

And the star is shocked by the reaction of older female fans, insisting his nude scene is no big deal.

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O'Day sick of Paris comparison

RUMOUR Danity Kane star Aubrey O'Day has hit out at people who liken her to Paris Hilton, branding them "horrible" for making the comparison, imdb.com reports.

The blond is sick of being mistaken for the hotel heiress — because she is "nothing like that girl."

"Whenever I carry my dog around, people say 'Paris Hilton' she says. "I absolutely love my dog and I'm nothing like that girl."



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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

So Hugh Hefner has offered Pamela Anderson a place to stay at his mansion should she ever become homeless. I'm guessing Hugh has seen recent pictures of a haggard-looking Anderson and mistakenly believes that she is homeless. In any case, I've taken the liberty of making public the following list of rules for overnight guests at the Playboy mansion, specifically tailored for Canada's own Pammie, should she ever need them:

"It's a little known fact that Hugh Hefner suffers from ornithophobia, so you can't bring the 1,000 live chickens you rescued from Colonel Sanders with you to the mansion. All former playmates at the mansion must insert staples in their navels so Hefner will be able to recognize them. Exercise on the stationary bike with the special invasive seat attachment is mandatory.

When changing Hefner's adult diaper, eye contact is strictly forbidden. Hugh Hefner prefers the term 'Dream Enabler' to 'Decrepit Flesh Peddler.'

Hef wants everyone at the mansion to be comfortable, his version of comfortable, so you must wear either silk pyjamas or nothing.

Work the following phrase into your conversation as frequently as possible: "Eighty-two is the new 56."

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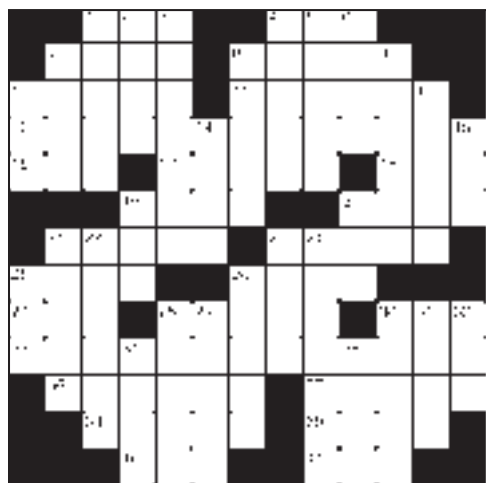


Rodriguez to return to Lost

Michelle Rodriguez, right, is reportedly returning to *Lost* this season, ew.com reports. Details of her comeback are shrouded in secrecy, but she's to be back for one episode, reportedly this season's second episode. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Take Five



Crossword down

- 1 Battery terminal
- 2 "— noted"
- 3 Inclined
- 4 Cougars
- 5 Characteristic
- 6 "— She Sweet?"
- 7 Go no further
- 8 Made crow noises
- 9 Masthead name
- 10 The whole enchilada
- 12 Japanese cartooning style
- 14 Undraped
- 15 Coll. transcript stat
- 19 "See ya"
- 20 Opposed to
- 21 Rodents of South America
- 22 Dr. Robert, with an eponymous diet
- 23 Darjeeling dress
- 24 Loot, as the Vikings did
- 25 Legislation
- 26 Photo finish?
- 28 Erstwhile larvae
- 29 Establish, as 25-Down
- 30 Game-show group
- 31 Crafts' partners
- 32 Yr. divisions
- 34 Spigots
- 35 One-on-one battle

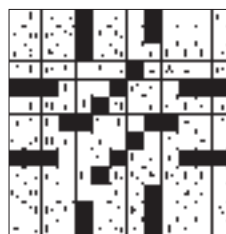
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Crossword across

- 1 Big hoopla
- 4 Bake-sale org.
- 7 Give the cold shoulder
- 8 Radium discoverer
- 10 Bikini, e.g.
- 11 "Hairspray" actress
- Bynes
- 13 Queen's attendant
- 16 Caustic solution
- 17 Search
- 18 Gratuity
- 19 Melville's Billy
- 20 Deep sleep
- 21 Check casher
- 23 Fern product
- 25 After curfew
- 26 Primary
- 27 Interjection in "Cathy" comics
- 28 Oyster's prize
- 30 Manhandle
- 33 1967 Audrey Hepburn film

- 36 Address biting
- 37 Cousins' moms
- 38 "The final frontier"
- 39 The Bee —
- 40 Prepared
- 41 Right angle

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Funds will be raised for a business plan. Tension results in more effective communication. Friends make decisions that will change your mind.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Run errands before a deadline. A professional gets to first base. Sparks start to fly, but don't throw yourself into anything.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Finances might force a show-down. There's an easy escape from a selfish action. Brief tension occurs when advantage is taken.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Feeling doubtful makes you play tough. Take charge to improve the state of your teamwork. Someone grabs your attention with a secret message.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Nobody can be blamed for disturbing news. Agree to a compromise that's designed to stabilize. Be less stressed by ignoring a weird situation.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

A prankster wants to get serious about life. Repay deceitfulness with honesty and humour. Defuse a situation by asking for help.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A secret attraction leads to an unexpected realization. A reasonable woman has a naughty story to tell. Don't give up on a mischievous man.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Don't become a recluse while waiting for someone. Sudden moves will produce a stunning result. Take the chance of a lifetime.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Take some time out to play. An encounter will shock and intrigue you. Someone's need for attention makes you claustrophobic.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

A ranting man gets frosty treatment from you. Keep someone talking if you want answers. Telling a true story will make you look good.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Shivers of excitement result from a compliment. Your work is putting you in the spotlight. Squelch any distress that won't stand up to scrutiny.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

News of plans gone awry sets the tone for the day. Anxiety will produce family problems. A hostile snub depicts malice at a meeting.

Sudoku

	6		8	7	9	2	
				1			4
4					1		3
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5		4					9
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This day in history

- AUG. 27, 1813: French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte defeats a larger force of Austrians, Russians and Prussians at the Battle of Dresden.
- AUG. 27, 1859: Petroleum discovered in Titusville, Pennsylvania. World's first successful oil well.
- AUG. 27, 1927: American aviators Billy Brock and Ed Schlee fly the Pride of Detroit over London on the way to completing the first-ever flight around the world.
- AUG. 27, 1993: The Rainbow Bridge, connecting Tokyo's Shibaura and the island of Odaiba, is completed.
- AUG. 27, 2003: Mars makes its closest approach to Earth in nearly 60,000 years.

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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

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8	2	7	1	9	3	4	5	6
4	9	6	5	8	2	7	3	1
7	6	4	9	3	8	5	1	2
5	1	2	4	6	7	8	9	3
3	8	9	2	5	1	6	4	7
9	5	3	6	7	4	1	2	8
2	7	8	3	1	5	9	6	4
6	4	1	8	2	9	3	7	5

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13: Genius
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17-21: Smart
21-25: Not bad

25+: Keep practising
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Friday



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Saturday



Sunny.
15° / 4°



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Normals
High: 20.7°
Low: 7.9°

Records
High: 31.1°/1934
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